

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 122

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

February 12, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 122—Relative to the Eric W. Rood Memorial Expressway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 122, as introduced, Logue. Eric W. Rood Memorial Expressway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 20 in Nevada County as the Eric W. Rood Memorial Expressway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Eric W. Rood was a California native who
- 2 graduated from California State University at Sacramento, and
- 3 furthered his education by receiving a master's degree in
- 4 management from George Washington University. He also
- 5 graduated from the Air War College and Harvard Business School;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, Eric W. Rood enlisted in the United States Air
- 8 Force in 1942. He earned his wings and commission in mid-1943
- 9 and went on to complete an honorable tour of military service.
- 10 Thereafter, he taught at the Bombardier School at Mather Air Force
- 11 Base near Sacramento before being deployed to the Philippines
- 12 for three years. He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1973

1 at McClellan Air Force Base. While stationed with the Pentagon,
2 he played a role in bringing a missile program to Beale Air Force
3 Base; and

4 WHEREAS, Eric W. Rood served as Nevada County's 4th
5 District Supervisor from 1975 to 1986, inclusive, including two
6 terms as chair; and

7 WHEREAS, As Nevada County's 4th District Supervisor, Eric
8 W. Rood was instrumental in securing state funding for the State
9 Highway Route 20 bypass between Grass Valley and Penn Valley.
10 Today, the highway is a busy thoroughfare that has been critical
11 to growth and economic development in Penn Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, Eric W. Rood worked with the state for more than
13 two decades to resolve the many special problems faced by the
14 rural communities of Nevada County; and

15 WHEREAS, While serving as a county supervisor, Eric W.
16 Rood was president of the state's powerful Regional Council of
17 Rural Counties, director of the County Supervisor's Association
18 of California, vice chairman of the California Local Agency
19 Formation Commission, and served on the board of the Sierra
20 Economic Development District, the Sierra Planning Organization,
21 and the Foothill Strategy Advisory Committee. He also served on
22 the Nevada County local agency formation commission, the Golden
23 Chain Council of the Mother Lode, the Foothill Airport Land Use
24 Commission, Mountain County Air Basin, the Area 4 Agency on
25 Aging, and the Foothill Strategy Advisory Committee. He was a
26 founder of the Western Gateway Recreation and Park District that
27 helped build Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley and he was
28 also a member of various other organizations; and

29 WHEREAS, Eric W. Rood retired in January 1987 and passed
30 away in 1998; and

31 WHEREAS, It is a fitting tribute to recognize the contributions
32 of Eric W. Rood to the people of California; now, therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates State
35 Highway Route 20 between its junction with State Highway Route
36 49 and the intersection of the Rough and Ready Highway and Penn
37 Valley Drive, in Nevada County, as the Eric W. Rood Memorial
38 Expressway; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the

1 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
2 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
3 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
4 further

5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
7 author for appropriate distribution.

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